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BOOK REVIEWS

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A SHORT HISTORY OF NURSING. By Lavinia L. Dock, R.N., in collaboration with Isabel M. Stewart, A.M., R.N. G. P. Putnam's Sons, 2 West 45th Street New York City. Price, $3.50.

All training schools for nurses have long been familiar with the detailed and elaborate History of Nursing written by Miss Dock and Miss Nutting. These four valuable volumes are still a necessity in the reference library of every school of nursing, but teachers and pupils alike will welcome this present volume,—a condensation of the larger work—to be used as a class text book and to be owned individually. In order to gather all requisite information into one volume it was necessary to be brief in statement and, at times, to condense a whole epoch into a few terse sentences. However, the facts are here, clearly stated, and the salient points and periods of the profession emphasized. That one may make a complete study of the subject, full bibliography is given at the end of each chapter. Some phases of modern nursing and especially the more recent developments are found only in this volume; for instance, the chapter on Nursing in the World War. The closing chapter sums up the nursing traditions and fundamental ethical principles, giving the thoughtful student an inspiring glimpse of the wonderful possibilities of this "gentlest and most beautiful of all arts." The appendices deal with the Historical Outlines of Nursing History and the Oath of Hippocrates, with two modern adaptations.

SEX ATTRACTION. By Victor C. Vaughan, Sc.D., M.D., L.L.D. C. V. Mosby Company, St. Louis. Price, 50 cents.

The booklet consists of a lecture given to teachers, and states comprehensively, without detail, certain principles connected with the subject of the influence of sex upon the character and well being of an individual, apart from reproduction. We are told that sex attraction is "that pleasure and the mutual satisfaction that come to two persons of opposite sexes when brought into association." "It quickens ambition, modifies and often determines conduct, and weaves the delicate structure of dreams." This being so, all who are engaged in the education of the young should always bear in mind both the good and the ill that may come to those under their care, from sex attraction. The lecture is a careful presentation of this problem; placing the blame where blame is due; warning and cautioning both the youth

and the guardians of youth. A very emphatic assertion, and one which should make each reader pause in earnest thought, is made in the conclusion of the lecture: "Our sons and daughters are what their ancestors, including ourselves, have made them, modified, more or less, by their environment, *for which we are responsible.* (The italics are the department editor's.) This pamphlet might wisely be placed in the hands of each student nurse and a recitation be heard on its contents, being sure that the young woman understands the full significance of the text.

CARE AND FEEDING OF INFANTS AND CHILDREN. By Walter Reeves Ramsey, M.D. Including Suggestions on Nursing by Margaret B. Lettice. Second Edition Revised. J. B. Lippincott Company, Philadelphia and London. Price, $2.50.

The book is written primarily as a text book for nurses and is both practical, concise, and comprehensive. The anatomy, physiology, and pathology are necessarily brief but sufficient to a full understanding of the text. Simple rules for feeding are given, leaving the more elaborate formulae for more extensive works. Not only is the student taught concerning the care of the sick child but an excellent knowledge of preventive treatment and care is also included. The book is widely used by all nurses engaged in child welfare work.

MANUAL OF PSYCHIATRY. Edited by Aaron J. Rosanoff, M.D. Fifth Edition Revised and Enlarged. John Wiley and Sons, Inc., New York. Chapman and Hall, Ltd., London. Price, $4.00.

This manual first appeared in English in 1905, as a translation of the French Manuel de Psychiatrie by J. Rogues de Fursac. Numerous changes and additions have been made in preparing the present volume, bringing the study up to the present-day knowledge and practice in this branch of neurology.

AN EPITOME OF HYDROTHERAPY for Physicians, Architects and Nurses. By Simon Baruch, M.D. W. B. Saunders Company, Philadelphia and London. Price, $2.00.

An excellent text on the value of water in the management of disease. The author is a well known hydrotherapeutist and an authority on this subject. If at times the text seems to be contrary to established procedures the author has facts and statistics to sustain his teaching. The detailed descriptions of treatments and the excellent illustrations give clear understanding of technic. An unusual addition is the chapter devoted to hydriatic installation, with special details for the guidance of architects.